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## EXTENSIONS ON THE O. R. & N.

Supplemental Articles of Incorporation Are Filed in Portland.

## MANY NEW LINES PROJECTED

The Truce Ended and the Fight for New Territory in the Clearwater Will Now be Pushed on.

PORTLAND, Dec. 6.—Supplemental articles of incorporation of the Snake River Valley Railroad Company were filed today by L. H. Cox, W. D. Ayer and W. H. Kennedy. According to these articles the company purposes to run such steamboats as may be necessary, build and operate telegraph lines and to construct and operate the following lines of railroad:

From Umatilla via Riparia and Lewiston to Huntington.  
From a suitable point near the Snake river through Europa Flat to Grange City, Wn., and branch to Alto, Wash.  
From Dayton, Wash., to Bolles.  
From a point near Dayton, Wash., to Astoria, Wash.  
From Elberton to the headwaters of the Palouse river.  
From Moscow, Ida., to Collins, Ida., with a branch in a southeasterly direction.  
From Cold Springs, Ore., to Tanks, Ore.

From Winona, Wash., to a point on the Spokane river.  
From Colfax, Wash., via Penawawa creek, to a point on the Snake river in the State of Washington.

From a point on the O. R. & N. between Winona and LaCrosse, Wash., up the Union flat to the head of the Union Flat.

From a point near the mouth of the Salmon river, Idaho county, Ida., following the valley of the Salmon river to the confluence of the Salmon river with the Lemhi river and thence along the valley of the Lemhi river to a point near the summit of Bannock Pass through the Bitter Root mountains in Lemhi county, Ida.

From Baker City to Keating, thence to Malheur Station.  
From Milton to Elgin, Ore., and from Bingham Springs to Elgin.

Supplemental articles of the Clearwater Valley Railroad Company were also filed, setting forth that the company intends to build and operate the following lines:

From the junction of the Clearwater and Snake river, along the Clearwater river to a point on the boundary line between Idaho and Montana, near Lolo Pass, with a branch through Camas prairie to Mount Idaho.  
From a point near the Grande Ronde river to the mouth of the Wallawa river.

From Pine Creek to Powder river.  
From a point on the Snake river to the Seven Devils mining region, Idaho.  
From the mouth of the Salmon river to the head of the Salmon river.  
From Moscow, Ida., to some point on the Clearwater river.

From the mouth of the Clearwater river in Idaho to Huntington.  
A line from Cottonwood, Ida., extending to the Buffalo rump mining region.

From a point near the confluence of the North Fork with Clearwater river, in Idaho, to the headwaters thereof.  
From a point near the Forks of the Middle Fork of the Clearwater river, thence in a southeasterly direction through the Nez Perce Pass and Bitter Root mountains to a point on the Elter Root river, Montana.

The directors, whose names are signed to the amended articles, are Charles Steele and J. C. Harely.

## SHIPWRIGHTS FROM SEATTLE.

San Francisco Has to Send North for Men on Government Work.

Vallejo, Cal., Dec. 6.—Ten shipwrights from Seattle arrived at the Mare Island and navy yard today. About 20 men are now employed on the Hartford, which may not be ready to sail before January 1.

The shipwrights who quit work on the Hartford and were prohibited from working in the navy yard for one year will probably be permitted to register for re-employment in a few days and will be put to work when their services are required.

Sixty iron workers at Mare Island were discharged today owing to lack of orders and funds.

## WOMAN HORSE THIEF.

ROSEBURG, Dec. 6.—Dora Cole, a tramp, pleaded guilty to horse stealing and was sent to the penitentiary this morning for one year. Wm. Perkins, her companion, also went for two years. Miss Cole is the first woman sent from Douglas county to the penitentiary.

## BILLS INTRODUCED.

The Financial Bill Will Be Made a Special Order and Passed Next Week.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Overstreet, of Indiana, who introduced, and who is in general charge of the house financial bill, tomorrow will submit a resolution asking that a special rule be reported for the immediate consideration of this measure.

The terms of this special rule are practically agreed upon and provide that debate will begin next Monday with a final vote at the close of the week.

Chandler introduced a bill in the senate to prohibit senators and representatives in congress from receiving free railroad passes.

Hale introduced a bill for the construction of a Pacific cable by the navy department to be operated by the post office department, and appropriating \$11,000,000 for this purpose. It is to run from San Francisco to Manila, via Honolulu, the Midway Islands, Guam and P. I.

## FINANCE BILL IN SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Nearly 100 bills and joint resolutions, several important concurrent resolutions, and petitions numbering hundreds were presented to the senate today. A majority of the bills were old stagers. Few were of national interest and importance. Aldrich had the honor of introducing the first measure in the senate. It was the financial bill drawn by the senate committee on finance, of which Aldrich is chairman, and probably was the most important measure introduced during the day.

## MR. ROBERTS' PAY.

Question of Whether He Will Get Any Salary Depends on Termination of His Case.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Whether the pay of Mr. Roberts, of Utah, is stopped as a result of the action of the house in refusing him a seat has not been passed upon by the house of officials and will not directly arise until the January pay certificates are issued by Speaker Henderson, by which time it is expected his case will permanently be settled.

Roberts drew his pay to December 2, the day before congress assembled, on the certificate of Clerk McDowell that he was a member elect.

## AFTER THE IRREGULARS.

Protest and Memorials Against Various Objectionable Senators Will Be Considered Today.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—A meeting of the senate committee on privileges and elections has been called for tomorrow to consider the protest against seating Senator Quay upon the appointment of the governor of Pennsylvania and a memorial urging the unseating of Senator Clark, of Montana, and Senator Scott, of West Virginia, because of alleged irregularities in their respective elections.

## SENATOR QUAY'S CASE.

Report That He Has Secured Enough Votes to Insure His Seat.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—A special to the Herald from Washington, says: As the result of a canvas made by Mr. Quay's friends since the senate convened yesterday, it is asserted that 46 of the 55 senators will vote to seat him as senator from Pennsylvania. These figures are obtained by counting the thirty senators now in the senate who voted either for Corbett or Mantle, and 16 others from whom it is asserted that promises have been obtained favorable to Mr. Quay.

Senator Chandler has called a special meeting of the committee on elections to consider the case of Mr. Quay on Thursday.

## ROOT CONFIRMED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The senate today confirmed Elihu Root to be secretary of war.

## OTIS' CASUALTY REPORT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—General Otis' latest casualty list: Manila, Dec. 5.—Killed in action—Illo Ilo, Panay, November 21, M. Fletcher, Jr., Eighteenth infantry. Wounded in action—Illo Ilo, November 14, George L. Doble, Nineteenth infantry, abdomen, severe; skirmish road to San Nicholas, November 19, Third cavalry, Joseph F. Mangold, kg, slight; John J. Falls, elbow, slight; Dennis Wood, back, slight; Rufus A. Jackson, leg, slight; R. A. Marlin, buttock, slight. Action, Insus, November 25, August Berg, Fifth artillery, shoulder, slight. Action, near Nosario, November 14, Thirteenth infantry, Albert Captick, corporal, leg, slight; Charles White, abdomen, severe; John G. Fritz, arms, severe; U. H. Graun, legs, slight. Action, near San Pedro, Magalan, Buntion, Will, sergeant, Seventeenth infantry, thigh, slight; November 5, C. M. Mansfield, Fourth cavalry, foot, slight.

## KENTUCKY MOB'S FEARFUL WORK

Negro Dragged Through Streets and Finally Burned Alive.

## HIS EYES WERE GOUGED OUT

Frightful Penalty Paid for the Usual Crime in the South—Women and Children Participate.

MARYSVILLE, Ky., Dec. 6.—Dick Coleman, the negro murderer of Mrs. Lashbrook, was taken from the officers by a mob of 1000 men today and burned at the stake. The mob led by the husband of the negro's victim, dragged the shrieking criminal through the principal streets of the town, bound him to a small tree, set fire to brush heaped about him and stood guard until he was dead. Before the roasting began, Coleman was almost dead. The rope had torn and lacerated his neck and his face was terribly beaten.

All was done that was possible by the sheriff and guard to prevent a lynching, but in the face of such a mob of people, irrespective of color, it was useless to attempt to do anything.

The crime for which Coleman was burned was the murder of Mrs. James Lashbrook, who had given him a home and food. She was enticed by him to enter a shed to see about some work, when he knocked her down with a club and assaulted her. The blow did not kill her, and Coleman, notwithstanding her cries for mercy, procured a razor and cut her throat. At Covington jail, where he was placed to escape mob violence, Coleman made a full confession of the crime.

Blue vitrol and cayenne pepper were thrown into Coleman's eyes and his face was mashed in with a club. Prior to being set afire, Coleman said he had nothing to say. His death was slow and, writhing in terrible agony, he was hoisted and glared at by thousands of people. Many women were present. His eyes, after the pepper and vitrol were thrown into them, were gouged out, and some say he was horribly mutilated.

Coleman arrived at Marysville from Covington this morning under a special guard to be put on trial. When they arrived at the courthouse they were met by a mob of fully 1,000 people, headed by James Lashbrook, the husband of the murdered woman, and who went immediately up Second street through the central portion of the city to a hill, followed by a mob of fully 5,000 persons.

The mob grabbed Coleman and threw a rope over his head and took him up above the city. Coleman could be heard above the cries of the mob pleading for his life.

The place of execution had been selected weeks ago in accordance with all other arranged details of the program, mapped out by the leaders of the mob.

The prisoner was dragged to a sapling and strapped against the tree, facing the husband of his victim. Large quantities of dry brush and large bits of wood were piled around him while he was praying for a speedy death. James Lashbrook, the husband of the victim applied the first match to the brushwood. A brother of the victim struck the second match. Someone with a knife was viciously slaying at the prisoners chest.

As the flames arose his horrors increased. He made a vain effort to withdraw his limbs from the encroaching fire and his eyes rolled in a frenzy of suffering. The ropes securing him to the tree were burned and his body finally fell forward on the burning pile. Even then, although it was not certain whether he was living or dead, the vengeful purpose of the crowd led them to use rails and long poles to push his body back into the flames. At the end of three hours the body was practically cremated.

During all that time members of the family of Mrs. Lashbrook had remained to keep up the fire and to keep the body in a position where it would continue to burn. In all the thousands who constituted the mob there was not a single effort to disguise or conceal identity. No man wore a mask. All the leaders of the mob were well known. They include leading men in all lines of business and many are members of the church.

A statement from Frankfort that the governor proposes to offer a reward for the apprehension of the members of mob does not excite much fear that the reward will be claimed.

Relic hunters took away teeth and bones and flesh and every fragment of the body that they could lay hands on. All the afternoon children, some of them not more than six years old, kept up the fires on the blackened body by throwing on them grass, kindling wood and everything combustible that they could gather.

## TO TAKE ANOTHER TACK.

If Roberts is Thrown Out of the House He Will Try for the Senate.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—A special to the Herald from Washington, says: If Mr. Roberts is finally rejected by the house, as seems inevitable, there is a possibility that he may come forward as a chairman for a seat in the senate.

His rejection by the house, it is expected, will add to his popularity in Utah, and it is suggested that if Mr. Quay is seated by the senate, the democratic governor of Utah may appoint Mr. Roberts to fill the vacancy that exists in Utah's representation in that body.

## THE P. I. CHANGES HANDS.

Money Paid Yesterday and a New Set of Men Take Charge.

SEATTLE, Dec. 6.—The Post-Intelligencer formally changed hands today. It is understood the purchasers are E. C. Hughes and Maurice McMicken, leading republican and members of the law firm of Struve, Allen Hughes & McMicken. E. B. Piper, editorial head of the paper and Geo. U. Piper, business manager, announce their retirement. S. P. Weston was today made business manager.

The purchase price is understood to be \$50,000, the bulk of which was paid in cash today.

## ARGUMENT CONCLUDES TODAY.

FRANKFORT, Dec. 6.—The argument will be concluded before the election commission tomorrow on the contest for governor.

## STICK RIVER ON RAMPAGE.

TACOMA, Dec. 6.—Practically the whole of the Stick river valley is one vast sheet of water. The river itself is a raging flood, destroying thousands of acres of the most productive land in the state and threatening some substantial dwellings. It is higher than ever known since the valley was settled by white men. Families in the vicinity of Sumner have been compelled to move to escape the torrent.

## THE BOMBARDMENT SEVERE.

LADYSMITH, Dec. 2.—Saturday.—The hottest bombardment of the siege took place last Thursday. The Boers got a new big gun in position on Lombardskop completely commanding the town and shelled our camp that day and yesterday, planting shells with great accuracy in the camp of the Gordon Highlanders and Manchester regiment, where there were many narrow escapes. Today the enemy resumed the bombardment, doing some very effective shooting. Several of our guns have been shattered by the big Boer guns.

## WILL MEET AT CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—The national council of the G. A. R. decided today that the next reunion will be held during the last week in August, 1900, in Chicago.

## EARTHQUAKE IN DAKOTA.

MILLER, S. D., Dec. 6.—An earthquake shock was felt here this morning, the first ever noticed in this section.

FAULKLAND, S. D., Dec. 6.—An earthquake shock was plainly felt in this vicinity this morning.

## LADYSMITH IS HOLDING OUT

News Received Up to Sunday Shows that All Was Well.

## KIMBERLEY RECONNOISSANCE

More Serious than First Reported—Boers Driven Back but Not Pursued by the British.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—4:20 a. m.—Again there is a complete lull in war news. Ladysmith has established hosiograph communication with Pretoria and it is reported that all was well up to Sunday.

The sortie from Kimberly on Nov. 25 appear to have been much more serious than had been supposed. Finding the Boer pickets asleep, Major Scott-Turner proceeded along the ridge under cover and rushed the Boer redoubts at 5:25 a. m. in the face of a hail of bullets. The Boers hoisted a white flag and fired at the British under its protection before surrendering. Owing possibly to the exhaustion of their ammunition, the British were unable to follow up the attack.

Ten guns were engaged simultaneously and viewed from the coming tower the artillery duel seemed to be proceeding in every direction except toward Kenilworth, the fusillade being terrific. At 8 o'clock, having no force sufficient to hold the position he had stormed, Major Scott-Turner began gradually retiring his men. He had a horse shot from under him and a bullet went through the fleshy part of his shoulder. Several men had terrific wounds. It is alleged the Boers frequently fired at the British ambulance wagons. The British captured 25 of the enemy.

There appears to be some doubt as to whether this was the reconnaissance in which Major Scott-Turner was killed, or whether that officer met his fate in a subsequent sortie.

## BOERS OCCUPYING STEINBURG.

QUEENSTOWN, Cape Colony, Saturday, Dec. 2.—The Boers have become very active in the country around Stormberg Junction, to which General Gatacre was to make his next move.

The telegraph lines have been cut in various places and communication with Steinburg, Dordrecht and Maralsburg has been severed. It is believed here the Boers have occupied Steynsburg.

## SIEGE OF LADYSMITH.

Situation of Opinion of Military Critics Growing Very Serious.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London, says: While the war office has received intelligence that Mafeking was safe on November 20, it is admitted that the investment there was closer than ever before. This is confirmed by the Pall Mall Gazette correspondent, but the Reuters' dispatches, one day later show that the Boers are using new shells

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